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1. DURING MEETING SEPTEMBER 11 WITH FONMIN ACTING DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS NKWETTA ZAA TO DISCUSS RANGE OF KEY ISSUES AT UNGA, I COVERED KOREAN QUESTION AS INSTRUCTED REFS A AND B. ALSO GAVE HIM FOR INFORMATION TEXTS OF FRIENDLY DRAFT RESOLUTION AND EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM (REFS C AND D).

2. NKWETTA ZAA SAID HE HAD HAD MANY CONVERSATIONS WITH PROPONENTS OF BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA. GIST OF HIS REMARKS WAS THAT GURC WANTS PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF KOREAN PROBLEM AND BELIEVES KOREANS THEMSELVES SHOULD BE IN POSITION TO RUN THEIR COUNTRY AS THEY SEE FIT. QUESTION IS, "WHAT IS MACHINERY FOR DOING SO?" MILITARILY, NORTH KOREA IS FAR MORE POWERFUL THAN SOUTH KOREA, BUT SOUTH KOREA DOES NOT GIVE IMPRESSION OF FEELING THERE IS  
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TIME LIMIT FOR GETTING ALONG WITHOUT FOREIGN TROOPS ON ITS SOIL.

WHAT EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO BRING ABOUT BALANCE OF FORCES? IT CERTAINLY IS NOT DESIRABLE TO CREATE A VACUUM NOW AND RISK STARTING A WAR BY SAYING FOREIGN TROOPS SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN IMMEDIATELY.

3. SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR YOON HAS MADE DETAILED PRESENTATIONS IN RECENT DAYS TO ASST SECRETARY GENERAL AT PRESIDENCY SENGAT-KUO AND BOTH NKWETTA ZAA AND SECRETARY GENERAL OWONO AT FONMIN. NKWETTA ZAA SPOKE TO YOON MUCH ALONG LINES PARAGRAPH 2. SENGAT-KUO IN PARTICULAR CONVEYED MESSAGE THAT GURC FAVORED DIALOGUE BETWEEN SOUTH AND NORTH WITH AIM OF REUNIFICATION, AND SYMPATHIZED WITH SOUTH KOREAN POSITION RE (A) MEMBERSHIP FOR BOTH KOREAS IN UN AND (B) RETENTION FOR TIME BEING OF UN COMMAND. SENGAT-KUO TOLD HIM AGAIN, AS HE HAD DURING COURTESY CALL IN JUNE (YAOUNDE 2018) AND AS HE HAD STATED TO PREVIOUS SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR LAST YEAR, THAT UNC SHOULD REMAIN IF SOUTH KOREA FEELS THE NEED STILL EXISTS.

4. AMBASSADOR YOON IS UNDERSTANDABLY ENCOURAGED BY HEARING RE-ITERATIONS OF FAVORABLE GURC ATTITUDE. AT SAME TIME HE KNOWS THAT OTHER SIDE IS MAKING ITS REPRESENTATIONS AND WONDERS WHAT IT IS BEING TOLD. ALSO REALIZES THAT WHILE GURC OFFICIALS MOUTHING COMFORTING WORDS, GURC WILL TAKE HARD DECISIONS ONLY WHEN THEY HAVE TO BE MADE AND THEN IN LIGHT OF TACTICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SITUATION PREVAILING AT UNGA.

5. COMMENT. CAMEROON, WHICH HAS RESIDENT DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS FROM BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA IN YAOUNDE, TRIES TO KEEP BALANCED RELATIONS WITH BOTH. GURC WAS DISCOMFORTED AT LAST YEAR'S CONFRONTATION AT UNGA AND RELIEVED AT CONSENSUS ARRANGEMENT. DESPITE REPEATED POSITIVE REMARKS ABOUT UNC, BELIEVE GURC MOST LIKELY SEEK REFUGE IN ABSTENTION IF VOTING COMES TO A HEAD IN UNGA ON ANY DISPUTED RESOLUTIONS. BUT IF NON-ALIGNED END UP FAIRLY SOLIDLY BEHIND RES CALLING FOR UNC DISSOLUTION PERHAPS IN TERMS OTHER THAN "IMMEDIATE" BUT STILL IN FORMAT FRIENDS OF SOUTH KOREA WOULD CONSIDER HARMFUL, IT REMAINS REAL POSSIBILITY THAT FAVORABLE GENERAL ATTITUDES EXPRESSED IN YAOUNDE COULD DISSOLVE INTO VOTE FOR OTHER SIDE IN NEW YORK. IN SUCH CASE, DEMARCHES TAILORED TO EXACT ISSUE OF THE MOMENT BY SOUTH KOREAN AND/OR AMERICAN EMBASSY HERE COULD BE CRUCIAL. CONFIDENTIAL

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